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Dear Sirs:

In looking at the proposed RVSM incorporation Cessna certainly knows RVSM will be instituted in Europe as well as over water and eventually in the U.S. We take no issue with that fact; however, we currently have 254 aircraft in our Europe fleet that must comply with RVSM by 1-24-02 and another 1,000+ aircraft that will have to comply with RVSM as it is implemented in the U.S. Most of these aircraft require changes and/or additions to their air data computers, TCAS and etc.

Honeywell has informed us that they can supply on the order of 5 kits per month for those aircraft that must install new air data computers and altimeters. As you can see with the number of aircraft involved and the commitments of the kits so far, Cessna will not be able to meet the RVSM requirements by the dates supplied in the NPRM. Cessna is currently pulling together a complete list of aircraft by aircraft parts necessary; however, we will not be able to meet the dates called for in the NPRM. Cessna must ask the FAA to allow sufficient time to modify the aircraft for operation in the RVSM environment.

Sincerely,

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